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NEW APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: Surgical Instrument with Offset Jaw Actuator

TYPE OF APPLICATION

XX Original
 Design
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13 Page(s) of specification
6 Page(s) of claims
1 Page(s) of abstract
12 Sheet(s) of drawings *Figs 1-20*
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ADDITIONAL PAPERS ENCLOSED

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XX Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98)
XX Form PT0-1449
XX Citations
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XX Declaration and Power of Attorney
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